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Important Dates

- * 10/13 Columbus Day County Office Closed
- * 10/14 Commissioners Court Meeting 9:00am
- * 10/16 New Employee Orientation
- * 10/20 Jury Duty
- * 10/20 First Day of Early Voting
- * 10/27 Jury Duty
- * 10/27 Commissioners Court Meeting 9:00am

Domestic Violence Proclamation



On September 26th Webb County held a ceremony to proclaim the month of October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month". This ceremony was in honor of the women and families who have fallen victims to this crime. During the ceremony, community leaders and law enforcement professionals vowed that our community will not tolerate personal or institutional violence against our women and their families, and together we will make a difference and encourage the elimination of this crime.

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Mirando City Activity Center

Webb County Commissioner Linda Ramirez held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Mirando City Activity Center located in Mirando City. Residents are now be able to enjoy a new entertainment facility that includes computers, ping pong tables, video games and more. Webb County would like to thank Rusky and Rose Sun for their generous donation of this building.



La Presa, You Got Mail!

Webb County Pct. 1 Commissioner Linda Ramirez was pleased to announce that residents in La Presa community can now enjoy the convenience of receiving mail delivery services. Late last month, a ribbon cutting ceremony took place where the Commissioners Court, the US Postal Service and the community's residents gathered to celebrate their new acquirement.

National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month



During our most recent Commissioners Court meeting, the month of September was proclaimed as National Childhood Cancer Awareness month in Webb County. The purpose for this proclamation is to raise awareness on the different cancers that affect children and to raise funds for research. Several families joined in at the meeting and shared their stories on the life changing experience it is to have a child within the family battling cancer.

And to support this cause, our very own Webb County Head Start Program presented a check for \$182.95 to the American Cancer Association. This money was raised by Head Start Children and staff members in honor of 2 Head Start alumni how are fighting cancer.

Our prayers go out for the wellbeing of our Head Start alumni, 15 year old Alex Gonzalez, 5 year old Loren Canales, and to all the other children who are courageously fighting against the evils of this disease.



Submit your department stories for next month! E-mail your story along with any pictures to webbpio@webbcountytx.gov. Stories will be edited for style, grammar, and length. Please be advised that, due to space limitations, we cannot guarantee that all stories will be publicized.

Sobriety Treatment Program Graduation

The 341st District Court Sobriety Treatment Program celebrated another graduation. A total of eleven individuals graduated from the Sobriety Treatment Program and one additional person graduated from the Drug Court Program. The 341st District Judge Beckie Palomo announced during a brief court proceeding the participants' eligibility to graduate, which then led to an insightful ceremony to celebrate their courageous and changing path to a life of sobriety. On behalf of Webb County, congratulations to all the graduates!



Dia Del Rio Proclamation

The month of October was proclaimed as "Dia Del Rio 2014" in Webb County by Judge Danny Valdez and the Commissioners Court. This proclamation encourages the safeguarding of our environment and aims at maintaining a cleaner river for our community's health.

"The Rio Grande-Rio Bravo unites two nations by the water that flows from the majestic mountains of Colorado to the effervescent Gulf of Mexico, creating a lifetime bond of environmental splendors that few can claim."
--Dia Del Rio 2014 Proclamation



Safety Fair 2014

The Webb County Administrative Services Department hosted its annual Safety Fair for all county employees. Joining forces with over 70 community providers, including Doctors Hospital, American Red Cross, South Texas 911, and many more the Safety Fair aimed to help raise awareness about job and home safety and remind all employees to Think Safety.

Check out the full album on our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/WebbCounty



Veteran Appreciation Award

Congratulations going out to our Veterans Services Officer, David Garza. Mr. Garza received an appreciation award from the State of Texas Veterans Commission for his tireless efforts and dedication to serving the veterans in our community.



American Legion Day Proclamation

Judge Danny Valdez and the Commissioners Court gathered to proclaim the day of September 16th as the official American Legion Day. The American Legion has become a preeminent community service organization which now numbers more than 2.4 million members in over 14,000 American Legion posts worldwide. They work a variety of programs that support and benefit our nation's veterans and their families.

Community Center Event Roundup



The **EJ Salinas Community Center** held a 16 de septiembre celebration for its elderly participants. Attendees enjoyed a nice Mexican meal, loteria, and the company of their friends.



Bruni Community Center children were joined by the Laredo Imaginarium for a fun-filled day of science experiments and learning activities.



For the 2nd year, the **Larga Vista Community Center** was a proud participant at the 4th Annual Fresh Fruit and Vegetables "A TO Z" kick-off event at the Milton Elementary Gym. Students from Laredo ISD schools signed a pledge to eat more fruits and vegetables. The program is funded by USDA, with food distributed to all 20 elementary LISD campuses.



The **Santa Teresita Community Center** held a Health Fair for its residents. Local and state agencies provided healthcare information as well as physical & occupational therapy, glucose & blood pressure check-ups, eye exams, free glasses, and free medications to approximately 80 colonia and Laredo residents.

Fernando Sanchez: A Career Retrospective

Over 39 Years of Loyalty to Webb County.

The conclusion to an enduring journey has come for Webb County employee Fernando Sanchez. After a successful 39 years of service for the county, Mr. Sanchez has decided that his time has come to retire, "It's been an experience, but it's time to move on".

This lifelong career path started back in December of 1974. At the budding age of 22, Sanchez began working for Webb County as a detention officer, obtaining his Peace Officer certification and license within only a year. By age 30, he became Sergeant and worked in Victoria, Texas running a brand new facility. This was only the beginning for Mr. Sanchez. Soon after, he became deputized under Paco Beltran, Constable at the time. In 1992 and back in Laredo, he proceeded to work for the County Attorney's office and dedicated the next 8 years of his life to this department.

"All my time here has been memorable," stated Mr. Sanchez as he reminisced through the years, "but working 8 years at County Attorney's was something I enjoyed very much, every duty that the work consisted of."



Mr. Sanchez continued to grow professionally after that. He became Chief Deputy and then proceeded to earn the title of Senior Lieutenant working under Rick Flores. Sanchez also added that he worked for the County's Public Defender's Office for about a year. And to wrap up his course, he moved to the 406th Judicial Court with Judge Hale as a Bailiff Interpreter.

Sanchez proudly spoke about the great memories he built as the seasons changed and the years passed. He takes with him a collection of badges that he earned through hard work and dedication and these depict his professional growth step by step. Mr. Sanchez expressed his appreciation for the different opportunities he was given at the County, "It has been great to work with many different individuals. It's been a pleasure to have had the supervisors I did, from Porfirio Flores, Homero Ramirez, Hugo Martinez, Judge Hale, Rick Flores to Rudy Rodriguez, to mention just a few", and he continued to state "I will miss the good friends and the people I've met with the years, the people I've worked with here".

Good luck to Mr. Fernando Sanchez and thank you for your loyalty and dedication to serving our community.

Civil Service Commission

The Webb County Administrative Services/Human Resource Department would like to extend their gratitude to Aileen Newman, Eduardo Castillo, and Eliodoro Granados for serving in the Civil Service Commission for the past two years. During their tenure, the Commission listened to various employee grievances, presided over a Civil Service Workshop, and met on diverse administrative functions dealing with job titles, job descriptions, and department standard operating procedures.

